

29th STREET COALITION NEWSLETTER

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HOLIDAY SHARING PROJECTS

The 2ND ANNUAL 29TH STREET COALITION HOLIDAY SHARING PROJECTS began in early October. Coalition members were asked to identify elderly or disabled residents within the Coalition in need of holiday cheer. The goal each year is to bring a bit of brightness into the lives of residents with a basket filled with personal care items and a box of food for the holiday season.

Sharing knows no boundaries. Girl Scout Troop 385, lead by the efforts of Coalition resident

Karisa Lopez informed Leader Hila Villa about the HOLIDAY SHARING PROJECTS. A number of the girls assisted the Coalition in the sorting of canned goods collected by the members of Naylor Middle School Advanced Art Class. They counted and packed food items into the 75 boxes.



The Coalition had many 'helpers' assisting them in the adopting of three family projects. A big THANK YOU to the City of Tucson Office of Economic Development, for sharing with us and adopting two of our families. Tucson Police Officers Association, WARD V, Presidents of neighborhood associations in MetroNET and Coalition members banded together to adopt our third family. It truly was a satisfying community effort, and many thanks go to everyone involved.



THE GROUP



Movin' on out

YOUTH ENRICHMENT & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

BY LIZ HAGAN, PROJECT COORDINATOR

The Youth Program has made enormous strides toward the goal of Coalition beautification. The concept is bringing pride, identity, and change to the image through murals on 29th Street.

The current project, developed around the theme of **unity** was presented at the December Coalition meeting. Coalition members and Parks & Recreation unanimously approved it. Painting of the mural begins January 22. The youth paint on Saturdays from 10AM-2PM.

The lobby of Freedom Center will house the mural. Stop by to watch our artists and check out the Center. Two job openings for Coalition youth age 14 - 18 are available Saturdays through June. If interested, please call Liz Hagan at 748-7793.



LIQUOR LICENSES

BY PAT MARTIN

The 29th Street Coalition is part of the Southside of Tucson! South of 22nd Street the proliferation of liquor licenses is quite different than the areas north of 22nd Street. 39 liquor licenses are in the 2.7 sq. mile Coalition. Four are drive-through liquor stores and Tucson Police Department believes this increases easy access to liquor for underage drinking and drunk driving. Customers do not have to walk or talk. In a store, the clerk is given an opportunity to assess the customers' condition. Teenagers in Tucson begin drinking at an earlier age and consume more alcohol than those in Arizona. Vagrants drinking in our parks and washes add to the problem by vandalizing properties and making families afraid to use their parks. The three most severe problems in the Coalition are violent crimes, alcohol abuse and domestic violence. (Con't p 4)

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COALITION NEIGHBORHOODS & CONTACTS

- ❖ **Alvernon Heights:** 22nd Street to 29th Street
Alvernon Way to Columbus Boulevard.
Michelle Ain: 740-8393
- ❖ **Julia Keen:** 22nd Street to Aviation Parkway
Country Club Road to Alvernon Way
Chris Lopez: 323-0419
- ❖ **Naylor:** 22nd Street to 29th Street
Columbus Boulevard to Swan Road
Bob Crane: 748-1860
- ❖ **Myers:** 22nd Street to Golf Links Road
Swan Road to Craycroft Road
Pat Martin: 748-1150
- ❖ **Roberts:** 29th Street to Golf Links Road
Alvernon Way to Swan Road
Kim Dylewski: 331-2746

IN THE NEWS:

The League of United Latin American Citizens selected Pat Martin of Myers Neighborhood Association and Ronni Kotwica from the 29th Street Coalition to receive the 2004 F.B.I.

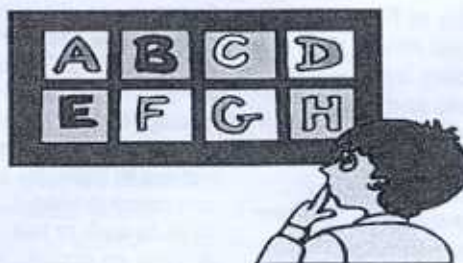
Community Service Award for 'outstanding and dedicated service to the community.'



Ronni & Pat



FREEDOM PARK
CENTER
5000 E 29TH STREET
791-4969
FOR MORE INFORMATION

R.A.D. (Recreation, Art & Discovery)

- ❖ Every M/W/F: 3-5:30pm (2-5:30pm on Wed)
- ❖ \$16 for three months
- ❖ Ages 5-12 (5 year olds currently enrolled in Kindergarten)
- ❖ Focus on Art/Culture, Education, and Sports/Games
- ❖ Community Service Projects/Guest Speakers



Clip 'n Save
Phone Numbers

Suspicious Activity

911

Tucson Police Department

Midtown Station

791-4253

Graffiti Abatement

624-7833

WARD V OFFICE

791-4231

Environmental Services

(Trash/Recycling/Weeds)

791-3171

Alley & Wash Maintenance

791-3154



SENIOR CLUB
Mon & Wed 9am-2pm
\$25/year membership
Ages 50+
Card & Table Games
Crafts
Speakers

COALITION INFORMATION:

- ❖ **ILLEGAL POSTING:** Please do not post handbills or flyers on utility poles, traffic signs or public buildings. City ordinance states that companies, organizations, and individuals can be fined for doing so. Anyone can remove these signs and you are urged to do so to prevent littering in the Coalition.
- ❖ **GRAFFITI:** Call 624-7833
- ❖ **JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES:** Vehicles with expired plates must be covered with a car cover made specifically for the car and be in a carport. It can also be parked in a backyard with a 6' high opaque wall or fence.
- ❖ **PARKING ON THE SIDEWALK:** If there is a rolled curb you can park on the curb but not on the area between the curb and sidewalk nor can you park on the sidewalk itself.
- ❖ **ALLEYS:** You are responsible for maintaining ½ the width of the alley from your property line to the center of the alley.



ILLEGAL POSTING
&
GRAFFITI



VEHICLES NOT IN COMPLIANCE

SWEATSHIRTS NEEDED
MYERS FAMILY RESOURCE
& WELLNESS CENTER is in
need of sweatshirts. Gently used
accepted.



Call: Pat Martin at 748-1150



Brush & Bulky Pick-up

February 28 - March 4:

Alvernon Heights; Julia Keen;
Naylor & Roberts

March 21 - 25: Myers

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 2005

Tue 1: Keen Clean-up Planning
Meeting @ Keen School 6:00pm

Tue 1: Myers 7:00pm @ Myers
School, 5000 E Andrew

Tue 15: 29th Street Coalition
6:00pm at Naylor School,
1701 S Columbus.

FEB 19 & 26: Keen NA Clean-
up call Chris 323-0419

February 28-March 4, 2005:
BRUSH & BULKY Pick up in
Alvernon Heights, Julia Keen,
Naylor & Roberts Neighborhoods

MARCH 2005

Tue 1: Myers 7:00pm @ Myers
Elementary, 5000 E Andrew

Wed 8: Naylor 6:00pm @
Columbus Library, 4350 E 22nd.

Tue 15: 29th Street Coalition
6:00-7:15pm @ Naylor School
Library, 1701 S Columbus

Tue 22: Roberts 6:00pm @
Roberts Elementary Library,
4355 E Calle Aurora

March 21- 25, 2005:

BRUSH & BULKY Pick up in Myers
APRIL 2005

Tue 5: Myers 7:00pm @ Myers

Elementary, 5000 E Andrew

Wed 6: Alvernon Heights
6:00pm @ Columbus Library, 4350
E 22nd.

Sun 17: 29th Street Coalition **CHILI
CHALLENGE**

Tue 19: 29th Street Coalition
6:00pm at Naylor School Library,
1701 S Columbus.

Tue 26: Julia Keen 6:00pm at Keen
Elementary School, 3538 E
Ellington

Neighborhood Associations

Alvernon Heights: 1st Wed: (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)
6pm, Columbus Library

Julia Keen: 4th Tue: (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)
6pm, Keen Library

Myers: 1st Tue: (Sep-June) 7pm, Myers-
Ganoung School

Naylor: 2nd Tue: (odd months) 6pm, Columbus
Library

Roberts: 4th Tue: (odd months), 6pm, Roberts
Elementary

29th Street Coalition: 3rd Tue, (monthly), 6pm
Naylor Library

**Sunday
April 17**
**29th Street
Coalition**



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CHALLENGE**

LOOK

For ***ENTRY FORM**
***RULES**

In February

For More Information: 747-8144

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COALITION LEADERS ACTIVE ON BILLBOARD ENFORCEMENT

BY MARK MAYER

Billboards block mountain views, push negative products and add blight to our streets. For this, Tucsonans voted 2-1 in 1985 supporting a ban on most new billboards that Mayor & Council had adopted. The number of billboards has dwindled due to commercial development and roadway projects. There would be less today, but many have been built illegally. In the 29th Street area alone, 21 of the 35 remaining city billboards are subject to ongoing enforcement action. These actions have been in the courts for years. Owners, Clear Channel Outdoor have attorneys fight rather than comply. An Arizona Supreme Court decision is due soon on whether the city can proceed with enforcement.

In Pima County, 21 of 25 billboards from the Coalition southern boundary to Ajo Way are illegal. Pima County proposed a settlement last March removing smaller billboards but leaving the huge illegal ones in place. After

community protests, the Pima County Board of Supervisors created a Billboard Review Committee that includes 29th Street Coalition leaders Pat Martin (Myers), Mark Mayer (Julia Keen), and Cristie Miranda (Roberts). In May, leaders submitted an alternative proposal based on the seriousness of the code violation, but Clear Channel would not consider it. If further compromises now being offered by the citizen committee is rejected, the community should insist the Board of Supervisors spare no effort to enforce the code.

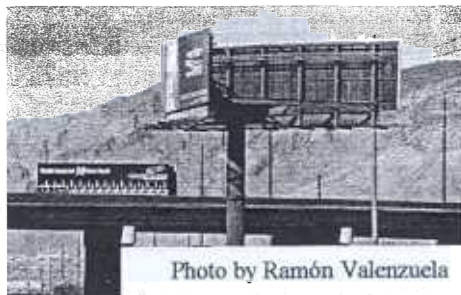


Photo by Ramón Valenzuela

Con't from page 1... Liquor Licenses

All are affected negatively by the ease of access to alcohol. Please assist us in monitoring the sale of alcohol. If you see underserving (sales to youth under 21), or adults purchasing liquor for teens, or overserving (selling to inebriated customers), call 911. You may remain anonymous. Tell the operator you do not want your name listed on the report. They will investigate or initiate a long-term investigation or sting. Help keep our neighborhoods safe and improve the quality of life for our families and teens.

New Meeting Day!
3rd Tuesday of the Month

Feb. 15

Mar 15

Apr 19

